



TOWN OF ARLINGTON
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Subcommittee Meeting

March 12, 2019 at 8:00 AM
2nd Floor Town Hall
Town Manager's Conference Room

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During this meeting the CDBG Subcommittee completed the scoring of the 2019-2020 CDBG applications and funding decisions were made for all applicants. This year's requests totaled \$1,672,757, requiring the subcommittee to cut over \$300,000 from the requests to meet the estimated funding available: \$1,360,241.

The subcommittee started the discussion with the Arlington Home Rehab Program. The subcommittee and the CDBG Administrator has been focusing on this program over the past two years and watching its progress. Unfortunately the subrecipient was still not able to show that there were enough eligible applicants who were interested in the program to fund it in 2019-2020: during the current program year the program has completed only one loan in the amount of \$5,400. It was decided that the program should finish out fiscal year 2019 but that it would not receive any CDBG funding for fiscal year 2020.

Next, the subcommittee discussed the Housing Corporation of Arlington's application for solar panels added to Capital Square. While there is support for this application, the subcommittee requested additional information including a more exact/complete positive financial impact for the tenants and a commitment to this, more information on how soon the tenants can expect to see this financial impact and, further exploration of the solar panel management contract. The committee decided to fully the project, contingent on receiving positive feedback on their questions.

The subcommittee decided to fully fund the following projects: HCA's Capital Improvements, Operation Success, Mental Health Counseling and Support through the Arlington Youth Counseling Center, the Transportation Program and Volunteer Coordinator through the Council on Aging, Menotomy Manor Outreach Program through Fidelity House, the Wellington Park ADA-Compliant Trails and Access Project, the ADA-Compliant Curb Cuts, the planners, planning studies, the grants administrator, and the general administration request.

Small cuts were made to the requests for the following programs: Scholarship Program and Jobs, Jobs, Jobs through the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, Athletic Scholarships through the Arlington High School, Jobs, Jobs, Jobs, through Fidelity House, the Program Scholarships through the Arlington Recreation Department, the Lussiano Playground, and Food Link. These funding decisions were based on the scores from the Grant Evaluation Criteria.

Finally, the subcommittee decided on a contingency plan, should the Town receive slightly more or less federal money than had been estimated, which will be included in the report to Town Meeting.